GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3297
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MANUFACTURER OF DDT AND BHC
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether DDT and BHC are manufactured in any of the chemical industries of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such industries;

(c) whether it is a fact that the use of DDT and BHC have been internationally banned for use as a pesticide and otherwise;

(d) if so, since when India has banned production of such chemicals, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) and (b): While the manufacture of BHC has been banned, DDT is beingmanufactured in the country by Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), a Public Sector Undertaking.

(c) to (e): As per the information available, a large number of countries have banned the use of DDT and BHC as pesticides. However, the use of DDT is permitted in a number of countries including India for vector control purposes.The production of BHC in India has been banned since 1.4.1997.